

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3—9 remain pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection in view of the remarks contained herein.

Claims 1 and 2—9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Cannera et al. (U.S. 5,195,795). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

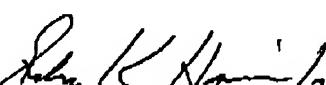
Applicants respectfully take strong issue with the Examiner's position that Cannera et al. teaches a front leg "releasably secured" to the floor of the vehicle. Cannera's front leg 20 is clearly shown coupled to a floor of the vehicle at all times—either in a deployed seat position as shown in Fig. 2 or in a completely stowed seat position as shown in Fig. 4. Cannera makes no suggestion of making leg 20 releasable from the floor (nor does Cannera even suggest that pin 88 (Fig. 5, e.g.) is removable from yoke 84. The Examiner's assertion that "even if those members were permanently attached that with enough force one could indeed detach the front leg from the floor" would render the word "releasable" meaningless.

Claims 1 and 3—9 are believed to be in condition for allowance, early acknowledgement of which is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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